



CLERK'S REPORT March 2019

(prepared by Barbara Bland, Clerk, for PC meeting 25-03-19)

Many of the Clerk's actions are reflected in the agenda content; brief summary:-

- Attended year-end Edge seminar for new software and system updates; processes and procedure.
- MSP Directors meeting.
- Attended NALC Legal Briefing.
- Attended Quarry Liaison meeting and raised air pollution; HGV numbers; A452 diversion due to HS2 works; sweeper cleansing for A45 slip road; gas migration and LPA/EA monitoring.
- Finance Committee meeting including finalisation of budget; year-end preparation; internal audit quotation approval; risk register review and sign off.
- Attended Planning Meeting as per Members request with Senior Officers Kim Allen and David Wigfield regarding recent planning decisions and conditions therein.
- Agreed new bench for Pool with Neighbourhood's install team and Bruce Brant.
- Attended Joint Trustees/Directors meeting for 2019-20 budget, rolling programme and business plan.
- Attended Launch of Solihull Charter for Parish & Town Councils and Market Place.
- VAT Briefing booked for 26th March re. Park VAT registration.

Community Surgery 4th March 2019 – Hosted by clerk and Bruce Brant in Meriden Library.

- Resident concerns regarding maintenance of Alspath Garages; maintenance required by Solihull Community Housing. Currently an eyesore for properties 18, 19, 20 to look out onto. Also a light is required at the rear of the garages to remove areas for youth congregation, misuse and vandalism.

Action: Bruce Brant to contact SCH for assistance.

- Resident concerns regarding the bowed wall alongside the walkway which results in crumbling brickwork onto the walkway and cutting back of tree, bush and ivy.

Action: Bruce Brant to write to property owners requesting maintenance to their property.

- Resident request for meeting with Cllr Diccico and officers responsible for highways regarding opening of Oak Lane for better X1 service for Millison's Wood residents tied into Eastern Green development proposals for new A45 road layout.

Action: Clerk to contact Solihull and Coventry CC Planning Officers and Ward Councillors.

- Residents thanked the Clerk and Neighbourhood Co-ordinator for sorting out the lighting issues impacting on their property from the new zebra crossing on Fillongley Road. Also for reversing the chicane layout passing thanks to Highways. Also volunteered for Community Speed Watch as they feel something is finally being done regarding speeding traffic and enforcement.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Barber who is co-ordinating speed watch team and training.

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- Residents voiced their concerns regarding Heart of England Club specifically nuisance of motorcycle clubs using club on Fridays and Saturdays. Antisocial behaviour, noise nuisance early hours of morning. Emailed photographs and CCTV footage to be shared with relevant officers.

Action: Bruce Brant advised complaints must be called through to Connect for log. Environmental Team to be contacted for assistance. Police to be notified. Evidence to be sent to relevant licensing and environmental officer teams.

Additional discussions:-

- Update on TfWM; potential loss of service. Public meeting requested.
- Vulnerable adults – how best to identify social and transport isolation to signpost for support and assistance.
- Update on Bingo and Craft Groups regarding MPC community engagement both run by volunteers with sports park support.

The surgery closed at mid-day.